



DREAMS

A
BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS
ANTHOLOGY

9 ANIMATED SHORT FILMS
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY OUR NEURODIVERSE ARTISTS

April 9th 2025, 5:30 PM AMC Rolling Hills 20 2591 Airport Dr, Torrance, CA 90505

OUR MISSION:

**CULTIVATE STRENGTHS
AND GUIDE EACH ARTIST
TO SUCCEED
IN COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT
AS ACCOMPLISHED
21ST CENTURY CITIZENS.**



A NOTE FROM GINNY ERXLEBEN, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

My deep, heartfelt gratitude is shared with our wonderful community for making tonight's "Dream" a reality. It takes many resources – time, talent, and treasure – to move from concept to existence, and tonight's presentation represents that.

Thank you to our individual donors, business sponsors, and community partners – and – thank you to our artists, families, and staff. Harbor Regional Center, our vital funding partner, who employs our artists based on their individual strengths, deserves spirited recognition. Each of you has contributed toward our sum-total approach of nurturing talent and developing humans who deserve to be validated and congratulated!

Brainstorm Productions, having experienced rapid growth since its 2021 inception, aims to cultivate strengths and guide artists to succeed in competitive employment as accomplished 21st century citizens. It operates as the creative and employment arm of CLU Transitions, our 2018-founded, comprehensive training academy that teaches technical digital arts skills and crucial workplace readiness through soft skills practice. Not only do we serve as an educational training and skills application center, but we also aim to be an impactful community resource, open to partnering and collaborating with aligned businesses and professional opportunities.

On behalf of our amazing artists, I acknowledge that because of you, we celebrate our growing success and blossoming goals. Thank you again for joining us on this rewarding adventure!

With appreciation,

Ginny Erxleben, Ed., BCET

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Written & Directed by
Ramon Gonzalez



Written & Directed by
Joshua Jo



Written & Directed by
Jade Boyd



Written & Directed by
Brian Menjivar



Written & Directed by
Michael Miro



Written & Directed by
Noemi Hernandez



Written & Directed by
Tori Boyd



Written & Directed by
George Manukyan



Written & Directed by
Kobe Aceves

SCHEDULE

5:30pm.....Directors' Red Carpet Entrance
Food & Refreshments

7:00pm.....Theater 13 Screening

7:05pm.....Theater 16 Screening

8:00pm.....Directors' Meet & Greet
Coffee Cart

PROGRAM LIST

Breakfast Nightmare

Abbie

Hint

Princess Uggo

Chocolate Bunny

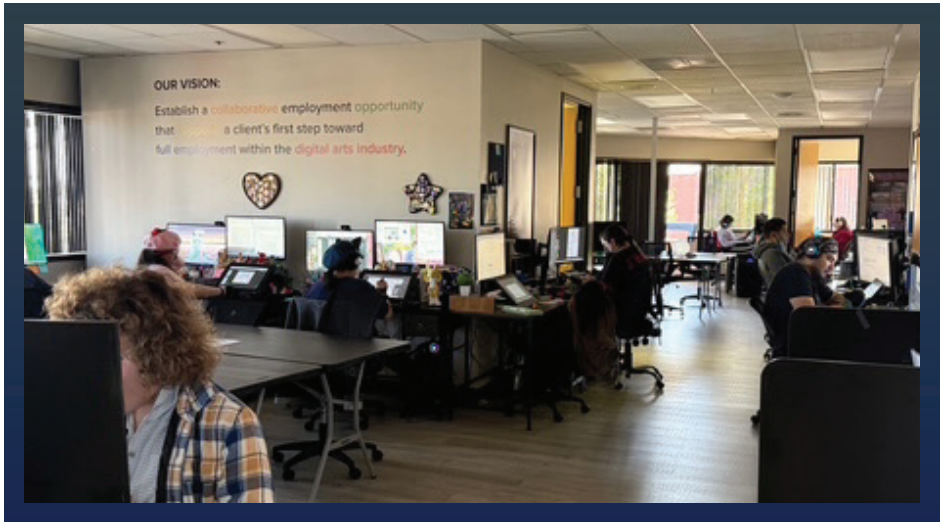
Trapped

Colorful World

A Dive After A Fall

Muse

ABOUT BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS



Brainstorm Productions encompasses both the Brainstorm Animation Academy and Brainstorm Studios, both of which prepare neurodiverse adult clients with digital arts skills, workplace readiness, and professional development skills necessary for entry-level employment within the Animation and Visual Arts industry. The Academy is a part of the three-year Center for Learning Transitions Career Training Program, and the Studio is a Center for Learning Transitions Partial-Day Employment Program.

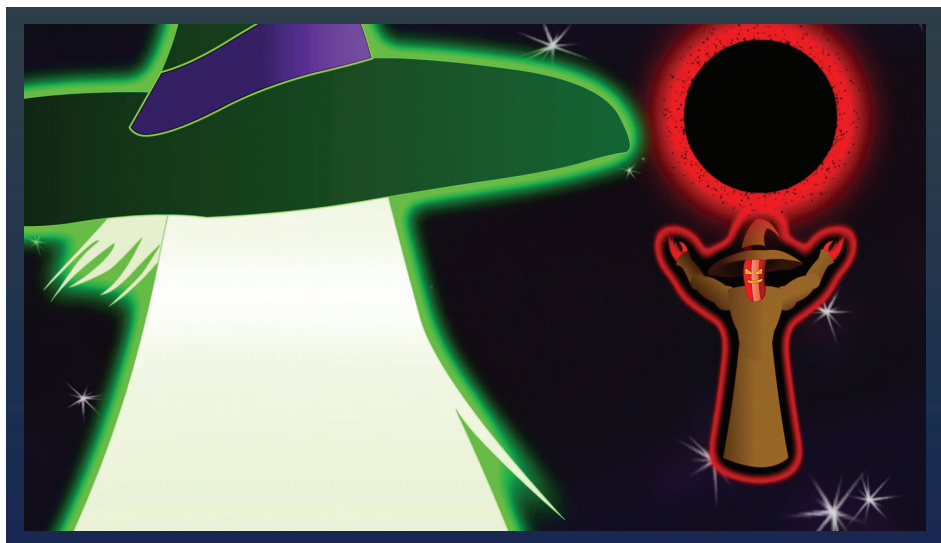
At the Academy, clients are enriched with three years of skill building within the principles and application of drawing, animation, digital software, and advanced animation proficiency as well as guidance with teamwork, self-advocacy, workplace problem solving, job seeking, and interviewing skills, all of which combine to prepare an individual to become a gainfully employed artist.

Once individuals have completed the Academy program, they are eligible for hire by the Studio to apply their skills in a professional setting. At the Studio, employees create illustrations and animations for various clients with feedback from supervisors. At the studio, we complete a wide breadth of projects, such as short films, childrens' book illustrations, merchandise, and social media content, in addition to endeavors like this anthology.

Our career training program is a proven road to success for aspiring neurodiverse artists to move from a career concept to a lived reality. Your investment in our growth is invaluable and we thank you for your support.



BREAKFAST NIGHTMARE



Is there a more perfect way to introduce the animation world to director “Ramen” Gonzalez? His short film “Breakfast Nightmare,” which features a breakfast food-themed villain, a disembodied video game announcer, and a studied reverence for Magical Girl anime, is sure to leave you keeling over with laughter...and maybe a little hungry.

x

Ramon Gonzalez





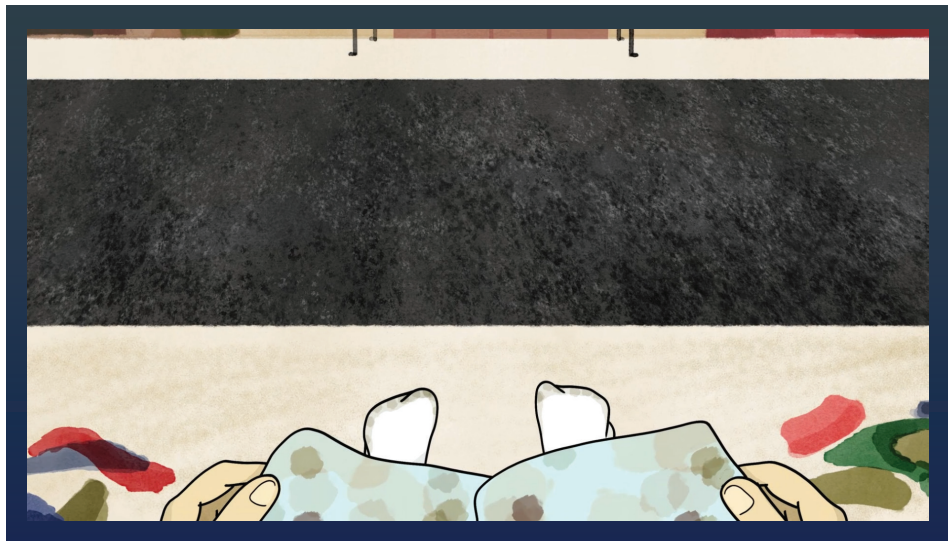
Noemi Hernandez is a natural talent when it comes to character-centered storytelling. Her film “Abbie” is a bite-sized, slice-of-life comedy about a pair of besties supporting one another at their day job waiting tables. Expect your heart strings to be tugged and your funny bone to be tickled.

x

Noemi Hernandez



HINT



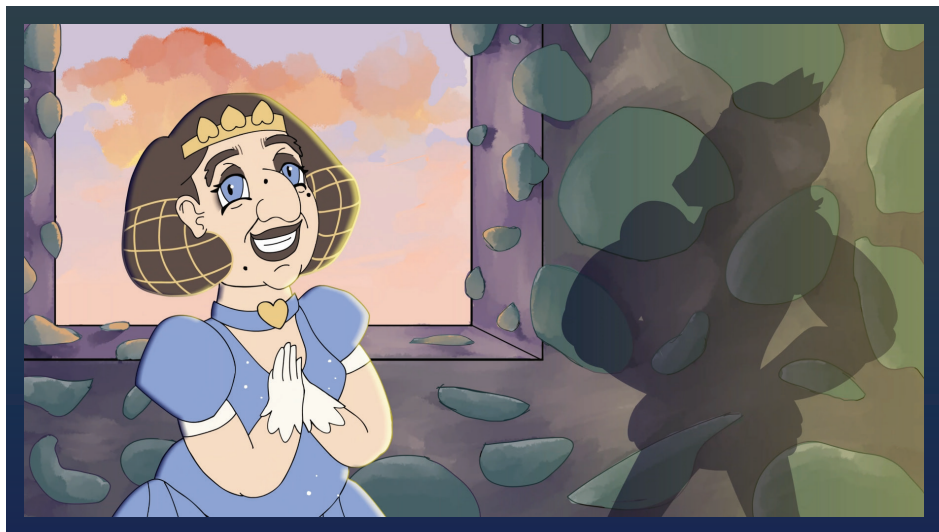
In director Joshua Jo's "Hint," the classic storytelling trope of being 'lost in the woods' is given a free-associative twist. JoJo, as he's known at Brainstorm, handles the collision of daydreams and nightmares in exciting, thought-provoking ways.

x

Joshua Jo



Princess Uggo



True love and ‘prince charming’ are taken to task in the fantasy world of “Princess Uggo.” Director Jade Boyd finds a compelling balance of humor and pathos, and asks whether the stuff of dreams is really only meant for fairy tales.

x

Jade Boyd





“Chocolate Bunny” is director George Manukyan’s understanding of what it means to ‘bite off more than you can chew.’ Even in the sweetest of dreams, ones filled with gumdrops and chocolate, something nightmarish might be waiting just around the corner.

x

George Manukyan



TRAPPED



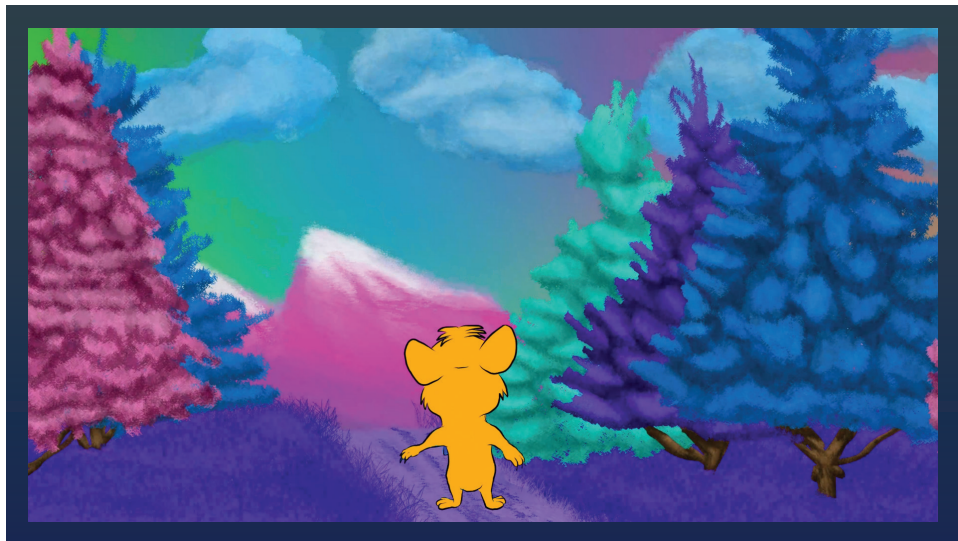
Director Tori Boyd exposes the quotidian horror of morning routines in her animated short, “Trapped.” Black-and-white, experimental, and entirely relatable, the short takes full advantage of animation as a storytelling medium.

x

Tori Boyd



COLORFUL WORLD



A connoisseur of classic Disney animation, director Brian Menjivar's "Colorful World" is one of down-home talking bears, flying worms, and caverns that glow like rainbows. With its rustic charm and a catchy bluegrass soundtrack to match, you'll be humming along and ultimately spellbound.

x

Brian Menjivar



A DIVE AFTER A FALL



Michael Miro explores a particular brand of puppy love in his short film, “A Dive After a Fall.” Entirely hand drawn, the film’s uplifting, emotive qualities present a strong case for it being a perfect rainy day romantic adventure.

x

Michael Miro





Director Kobe Aceves reminds us of the adventurous side of dreaming. Complete with kung-fu, giant robots, and a rabbit sidekick, his short film “Muse” is an action-packed romp, best paired with buttery popcorn and a large candy bar of your choosing.

x

Kobe Aceves



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Experience 9 animated short films from our
neurodiverse creators, now in storybook format!

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